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SUBJ: SECOND TRANS-SAHARAN GRAIN SHIPMENT

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1. LATEST INFOR PROVIDED USINT ALGIERS SHOWS SS THOMPSON
LYKES ETD ORAN AFTERNOON 30 AUG WITH PROBABLE ETA
ALGIERS PORT FORENOON 31 AUG. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS
ALGIERS NOT CLEAR, BUT LYKES LINES ARE CONFIDENT
OF EARLY BERTH.

2. BOTH SONATMAG AND SNTR HAVE BEEN KEPT ABREAST OF
DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING SS THOMPSON LYKES AND FLOOD
CONDITIONS NIGER. AID LOG SPECIALIST GILL WORKING
CLOSELY WITH BOTH ELEMENTS ALGIERS AS WELL AS LYKES
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REPS IN GENOA.

3. ON 28 AUG SONATMAG PROVIDED PRELIMINARY DETAILS ON POSSIBLE TEMPORARY STORAGE PLAN FOR 1500 TONS SORGHUM AT OLD FAIR GROUNDS IN ALGIERS FOR 2-3 WEEK PERIOD. BAGS WOULD BE STACKED ON WOODEN PALLETS IN OPEN STORAGE, BUT COVERED BY TARPAULINS. SITE SECURITY CURRENTLY EXISTS AND AREA ACCESS IS LIMITED. PRESENT SONATMAG CONTRACT ALLOWS FOR STORAGE AT 4.5 DINARS (\$1.07) PER SQUARE METER WITH ADDED INSURANCE CHARGE OF 0.70 PERCENT OF TOTAL GRAIN VALUE. IF THIS STORAGE PLAN IS ACCEPTABLE, PROSPECTIVE SONATMAG CHARGES FOR ALGIERS SUPPORT WOULD BE:

(A) OFFLOADING VESSEL (1500 MT AT 25 DINARS/TON) DOLS. 8,945.61

(B) LOADING TRUCKS AT PORT (1500 MT AT 20\$/-TON) 7,156.49

(C) UNLOADING TRUCKS AT STORAGE AREA
(1500 MT AT 20DA/TON) 7,156.49

(D) LOADING TRUCKS FOR NIGER
(1500 MT AT 20 DA/TON) 7,156.49

(E) STORAGE CHARGES (BETWEEN 4.5 AND 6 DA
PER SQ. METER (PER MONTH) UNK

(F) INSURANCE CHARGES FOR STORAGE PERIOD 0.70
PERCENT OF GRAIN VALUE) UNK

STORAGE CHARGES (ITEM E) WOULD DEPEND UPON AREA COVERED BY BAGGED SORGHUM. SONATMAG CONTRACT CITES STORAGE CHARGES OF 4.5 DA BUT ORALLY HAVE GIVEN US 6 DA FIGURE. USINT DOES NOT NOW POSSESS THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE 1500 MT OF GRAIN AND THUS CANNOT CALCULATE INSURANCE COSTS (ITEM F).
PLEASE SEND VALUE OF SORGHUM FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES.

4. ONLY ADDITIONAL COST WITH SNTR WOULD BE SHORT HAUL FROM DOCK TO STORAGE AREA (ABOUT 10 MILES). SEEKING COST ESTIMATE BUT NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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5. INDEMNIFICATION TO SNTR FOR TRUCK IMMOBILIZATION DUE TO THE NON-ARRIVAL OF THE SS THOMPSON LYKES AT ALGIERS HAS BEEN LIMITED TO THE 24 - 28 AUG TIME PERIOD. NO OTHER CHARGES OUTSTANDING.

6. SNTR FULLY AWARE OF RAIN AND FLOODING CONDITIONS AGADEZ AND SURROUNDING AREAS. DIRECTOR GENERAL SNTR ADVISES THAT NO MOTOR MOVEMENT WITH HIS VEHICLES TO

AGADEZ SECTOR CAN BE EXPECTED PRIOR TO 20 SEP., WITH
THIS DATE PREDICATED UPON THE RAINS CEASING BY 10 SEP.

7. USINT ALGIERS BELIEVES THAT TEMPORARY LOCAL
STORAGE OF SORGHUM IS BEST OF EXTREMELY LIMITED
ALTERNATIVES. EXPEDITIOUS UNLOADING OF LYKES VESSEL
COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AND CEREAL STORED IN SPACIOUS AND
SECURE ENCLOSURE WITH NEGLIGIBLE RISK OF LOSSES. HANDLING
AND MOVEMENT COSTS WOULD NECESSARILY INCREASE BUT WITHIN
ACCEPTABLE BOUNDS WHEN COMPARED TO OTHER COURSES OF
ACTION THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. SNTR HAS EXPRESSED
WILLINGNESS WITH TWO WEEK NOTICE TO REORGANIZE AND SHIP
SOUTH ONCE ROADS CLEAR.

8. USINT ALGIERS REQUESTS AID/W APPROVAL TO INITIATE
LOCAL ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH TEMPORARY STORAGE OF NIGER-
BOUND SORGHUM UNDER TERMS OF THE APPLICABLE SONATMAG
CONTRACT, AND TO APPROVE THE INCREASED COSTS UNDER
THE SNTR CONTRACT THAT WOULD MOVE THE GRAIN FROM THE
PORT TO THE STORAGE COMPOUND. NEED AUTHORIZATION SOONEST
AS THOMPSON LYKES COULD START UNLOADING ON AUG. 31.
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